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- At 10:30 a.m. on 26 September, 70 new trucks were unloaded at the Eberswalde railroad station for the Schuetzen Kaserne. At 1:50 p.m., about 120 soldiers, 8 T-34 tanks and 8 M tanks were unloaded for the east section of the Artillerie Kaserne. At 10:10 p.m., 20 boxcars with 250 soldiers and equipment and an undetermined number of flatcars carrying 36 trucks were unloaded for the Schuetzen Kaserne. At 2 a.m. on 27 September, 8 armored half-track personnel carriers, 5 armored scout cars, 2 jeeps, 6 motorcycles, 2 tank cars, 3 kitchen trucks, 2 radio trucks, 2 ambulances, 1 repair shop car and 42 trucks, and about 300 soldiers were unloaded for the west section of the Artillerie Kaserne. At 11 a.m., about 250 soldiers, T-34 tanks, JS-3 tanks, 5 tanks of J.-type, and armored scout cars were unloaded for the Artillerie Kaserne. At 2 a.m. on 28 September, 10 JS-3 tanks, 6 SP guns, armored scout cars, 4 radio trucks, 3 kitchen trucks, 3 tank trucks, 2 ambulances, 6 sedans, 12 motorcycles, 32 trucks, 16 x 76.2-mm field guns and about 500 soldiers were unloaded for the east section and the west section of the Artillerie Kaserne. At 11 a.m. on 28 September, 6 boxcars carrying about 250 soldiers and an undetermined number of flatcars carrying T-34 tanks and JS-1 tanks were unloaded for the east section of the Artillerie Kaserne. At 4 p.m., about 90 soldiers, JS-3 tanks and T-34 tanks were unloaded for the east section of the Artillerie Kaserne. At 2 a.m. on 29 September, 73 trucks, 2 sedans, 4 motorcycles, 2 radio trucks, 3 ambulances, 1 kitchen truck, 2 tank trucks, 42 mortars, 6 AA guns, 6 rocket launchers and about 600 soldiers were unloaded for the Schuetzen Kaserne. On 2 October, the Schuetzen Kaserne was occupied by about 3,000 soldiers; the east section and the west section of the Artillerie Kaserne were occupied by about 1,500 soldiers each. *
- At 1:45 p.m. on 27 September, T-34/85 tanks and 2 trucks, were unloaded at the Bernau railroad station. At 11:40 p.m. on 29 September, 13 boxcars carrying about 250 soldiers, 14 AA guns and 15 trucks, were unloaded at the station. **

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3. During the period from 26 to 30 September, the bulk of the troops stationed in Gernau arrived at the post by rail. [redacted] 50X1-HUM
 60 T-34 tanks, 20 JS tanks, 50 AT guns of light and medium caliber, 15 AA guns of probably 85-mm caliber, 8 armored scout cars, 25 field kitchens, 300 motor vehicles and an undetermined number of soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets, including some with tank insignia, and a small number with black-bordered black epaulets. The installations appeared to be occupied to capacity on 1 October. **

4. Personnel and materiel from the summer camp entrained at the Templin railroad station included:

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At 6 p.m. on 26 September. Twenty boxcars carrying soldiers and an undetermined number of flatcars carrying armored scout car [redacted] 6 rocket launchers, 1 T-34/85 tanks [redacted] 9 JS-3 tanks, [redacted] and trucks [redacted]

At 8 a.m. on 27 September. Nine JS-3 tanks [redacted] and truck [redacted]

At 12:45 p.m. Nine boxcars with personnel and an undetermined number of flatcars carrying 5 T-34 tanks [redacted] JS-3 tank [redacted] and armored scout car [redacted] 50X1-HUM

At 6:30 p.m. Twenty boxcars carrying soldiers and an undetermined number of flatcars carrying 12 T-34 tanks [redacted] 13 JS-3 tanks [redacted] and 6 tank cars. 50X1-HUM

At noon on 3 October. Ten boxcars carrying soldiers, and an undetermined number of flatcars carrying 3 field kitchens, 27 trucks [redacted]

Troop trains observed passing through the Templin railroad station toward Eberswalde on 29 September included:

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At 9:40 a.m. A train of 52 boxcars carrying soldiers and equipment. 50X1-HUM

At 11:40 a.m. A train consisting of 15 boxcars carrying soldiers and an undetermined number of flatcars loaded with 15 x 37-mm AA guns and about 35 trucks [redacted]

At 2:40 p.m. A train consisting of 13 boxcars carrying soldiers, and an undetermined number of flatcars loaded with 1 JS tank, 3 field kitchens, mortars and 56 trucks [redacted] 50X1-HUM

5. At 3 p.m. on 3 October, 17 T-34/85 tanks, tank trucks [redacted] and truck [redacted] were entrained at the Vegesack railroad station. They came from the summer camp. ** 50X1-HUM

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- * [redacted] Comment. The return from the Templin troop training grounds to the area south of Barchow-Lenhausen to Eberswalde of headquarters units of the Fourth Red Army and units of the 5th Red Army [redacted] began on 25 September 1952. [redacted] The 12 trains mentioned in the present report, carried among other equipment, 14 T-34 tanks 50X1-HUM

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and 6 SP guns which are believed to have belonged to the 82d Gds W Tank Bn part of the afore mentioned division. It is believed, however, that only 21 JS tanks arrived and that the other vehicles were JSB-2s. The 21 T-34 tanks are believed to belong to the 17th Gds Mecz Bn of the division.

the two installations were fully occupied.

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** Comment. [redacted] units of the 6th Gds Mecz Div were unloaded in Bernau. The present information indicates that the bulk of the units including the unit entitled 120th (?) AAA Bn of the division returned by 1 October.

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*** Comment. Compare [redacted] Comment * and **. The present report supplements previous information on units of the 6th Gds Mecz Div unloaded in Friedland during the period from 26 to 28 September. [redacted] The tanks seen passing through Temolin probably came from the training area of the Fourth Gds Mecz Army south of Rathenow-Nennhausen from where [redacted] these troops went directly to their posts. The loading operations on 3 October were possibly made by the 25th Tank Div. [redacted] the units of this division would return either prior to 15 or beginning 15 October 1952.

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